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In re application of

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For: Piezoelectric Actuator

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AMENDMENT RESPONSIVE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION

OF JANUARY 29, 2002

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the final Office action of January 29, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following claim 15 for claim 15 as previously submitted:

15. (Twice Amended) A piezoelectric actuator for actuating control valves or injection valves of internal combustion engines in motor vehicles, comprising a circular, cylindrical piezoelectric actuator body (1) in the form of a multilayered laminate made up of stacked layers of

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